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WPMRTNRTHFYK # OF FORGED NIGERIAN PASSPORTS

SUMMARY: MR. GBOLAHAN ONAYEMI, NATIONALITY NIGERIAN, 3302 FAWTELLE BLVD., APT. 14WEST, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, A NUTRITION STUDENT WORKING ON HIS DOCTORATE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES,

CALIFORNIA, RECENTLY RETURNED TO LAGOS, NIGERIA FOR A BRIEF VISIT. WHEN MR. ONAYEMI ATTEMPTED TO RETURN TO THE U.S. HE WAS ARRESTED BY INTERPOL FOR ALLEGEDLY ENGAGING IN THE FORGING AND SELLING OF NIGERIAN PASSPORTS. INFORMATION RECEIVED BY INTERPOL, LAGOS, FROM THE NIGERIAN EMBASSY, WASHINGTON, INDICATED THAT MR. ONAYEMI AND A MR. HARRY ORONSANYE, NATIONALITY NIGERIAN (ALIAS ROBERT BABB AND JACKSON) WERE ENGAGED IN FORGING NIGERIAN PASSPORTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING DRIVERS LICENSES AND THE UNLAWFUL ISSUING AND SELLING OF FORGED DOCUMENTS

RDEKW# MR. HARRY ORONSANYE (ALIAS ROBERT BABB AND JACKSON) IS ALLEDED TO BE IN POSSESSION OF FORGED PASSPORTS AND DOCUMENTS IDENTIFYING HIM AS (1) HARRY ORONSANYE, (2) ROBERT BABB AND (3) MR. JACKSON. END SUMMARY

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1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED BY INTERPOL FROM THE NIGERIAN EMBASSY, WASHINGTON:

(1) THE FAKE NIGERIAN PASSPORTS ISSUED TO EITHER NIGERIAN OR AMERICAN CITIZENS ARE PRESENTED TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE AUTHORITIES. ON PASSING A DRIVING TEST, THEY WILL BE ISSUED WITH IDENTIFICATION CARDS AFTER TAKING DOWN IN THEIR RECORDS ALL THE PARTICULARS IN THE FAKE NIGERIAN PASSPORTS;

(2) THEREAFTER, THE I.D. FROM THE MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT, TOGETHER WITH THE FAKE NIGERIAN PASSPORT(S) WILL BE TAKEN TO A BANK WHERE THEY NORMALLY DEPOSIT INITIALLY A HANDSOME AMOUNT OF ABOUT 1,000 DOLLARS (U.S.) IN ORDER TO OPEN A CURRENT ACCOUNT;

(3) AFTER THE ACCOUNT HAS BEEN OPENED, THEY GO TO THE DEPARTMENT STORES AND/OR CAR DEALERS AND PURCHASE VARIOUS ITEMS RANGING FROM MOTOR VEHICLES TO FURNITURE FOR WHICH THEY PAY BY CHECK;

(4) ITEMS SO PURCHASED WILL BE SENT TO ONE OF THE APARTMENTS LEASED TO MR. ONAYEMI TO "REST" FOR A FEW DAYS AFTER WHICH THEY WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER APARTMENT DESIGNED BY MR. ONAYEMI FROM WHERE THEY WILL BE DISPOSED OF;

(5) AT THIS JUNCTURE, IF AND WHEN THE CREDITORS DECIDE TO LOOK FOR MR. ROBERT BABB, HE WILL NEVER BE TRACEABLE BECAUSE THE PASSPORT ISSUED TO HIM BY ONAYEMI HAS NO RECORDS EITHER IN OUR OFFICE AT KAKAWA OR IN ANY OF OUR MISSIONS IN AMERICA NOR IN THE RECORDS OF THE UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES.

(6) INTERPOL ADVISES THAT MR. HARRY ORONSANYE AT ONE TIME IS BELIEVED TO HAVE LIVED AT 546 S. NORMANDIE, APT. 5, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA AND HAD OBTAINED A CALIFORNIA DRIVERS LICENSE REFLECTING SAME. MR. HARRY ORONSANYE IS ALSO BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN DEPORTED BY THE U.S. IMMIGRATION SEVERAL TIMES, OFFENSES UNKNOWN.

2. MR. MR. GBOLAHAN ONAYEMI STATED THAT THE ABOVE ALLEGATIONS MADE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ARE FALSE AND ARE AN ATTEMPT TO DISCREDIT HIM BY PERSONS HE WOULD NOT ASSIST IN ENROLLING AT A U.S. UNIVERSITY. ONAYEMI IS ANXIOUS TO RETURN TO THE U.S. TO CONTINUE HIS STUDIES.

3. THIS OFFICE HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY INTERPOL TO ASSIST THEM IN DETERMINING THE AUTHENTICITY OF THIS INFORMATION AND IF A CALIFORNIA DRIVERS LICENSE WAS IN FACT ISSUED TO MR. HARRY ORONSANYE OR ANYONE OF HIS ALIASES. ADDITIONAL PAPERS PROVIDED BY INTERPOL BEING FORWARDED. REQUEST APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION BE CONDUCTED. PLEASE REGARD THIS REQUEST AS URGENT SINCE

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